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This is the annual and always anxiously-awaited *Montana Outdoors* Special Photo Issue. For months after its publication we receive letters from people in far-flung places who are inspired by the beauty of Montana, and by the vision of the talented photographers who capture a passing moment of wonder in our homeplace. These letters are helpful reminders to every Montanan never to take for granted our special corner of God's good earth.

But this issue is something truly special. Here you will see Montana's rough buttes, rivers, salmonflies, grizzly bears, hunters and anglers, prairie dogs, and bighorn sheep.

And on every page you will hear the words of my friend—and cowboy poet—Mike Logan.

Share these photos with your friends, but do yourself a favor. Gather your family around the hearth and read Mike's words aloud to your children.

Mike says he sat down with all of these photos on one evening. He came to the table with some hot coffee, and that big grin, and he had the time of his life.

If you read his words out loud, you'll notice a rhythm. You'll begin to feel the saddle-broke story of his Montana in these songs. Mike is a big man with a big heart and in this special edition of *Montana Outdoors*, he invites us all to see the Big Sky anew in the old cowboy way.

I hope you enjoy this. Everyone needs a Montana in their life.

Best wishes,



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COYOTE PUPS
— CONRAD ROWE —

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— RICHARD MOUSEL —

INSIDE FRONT COVER
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
— JOHN W. HERBST —

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by Mike Logan

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Backlighted bucks
And, in a tree, it's shy wood ducks.
It's bison calves
And alpenglow.
A bull elk in the fallin' snow.*



*It's ptarmigan,
And wildflowers bright.
A grizzly comin', on the fight.
It's mirrored whitetails,
Patterned geese
And goats in alabaster fleece.*

*It's hunter's orange,
A brown eyed fawn
And cygnets with a momma swan.
It's mink on ice
And Birdtail Butte
And crystal rapids rafters shoot.*

*It's reservoirs
And foxes' stares
And dandelions and big black bears.
It's raccoons treed
And drake baldpates
An osprey's perch, down near The Gates.*

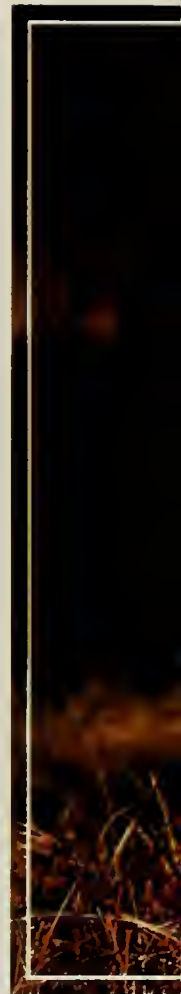
*It's prairie dogs,
A rainbowed catch.
Fly castin' in the evening's hatch.
It's pheasant hunters,
Muleys fat
And pronghorn does that seem to chat.*

*It's snowshoe bunnies,
Steller's jays
And, up real close, a bull elk's gaze.
It's feedin' moose
And griz cubs hold.
The Little Big Horn splashed with gold.*

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A gray wolf's run,
A cougar lazin' in the sun.
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And salmonflies
And misted streams where brown trout rise.*

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—MICHAEL & PATSY FRIBLEY—



— DONALD M. JONES —

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— BILL MCRAE —

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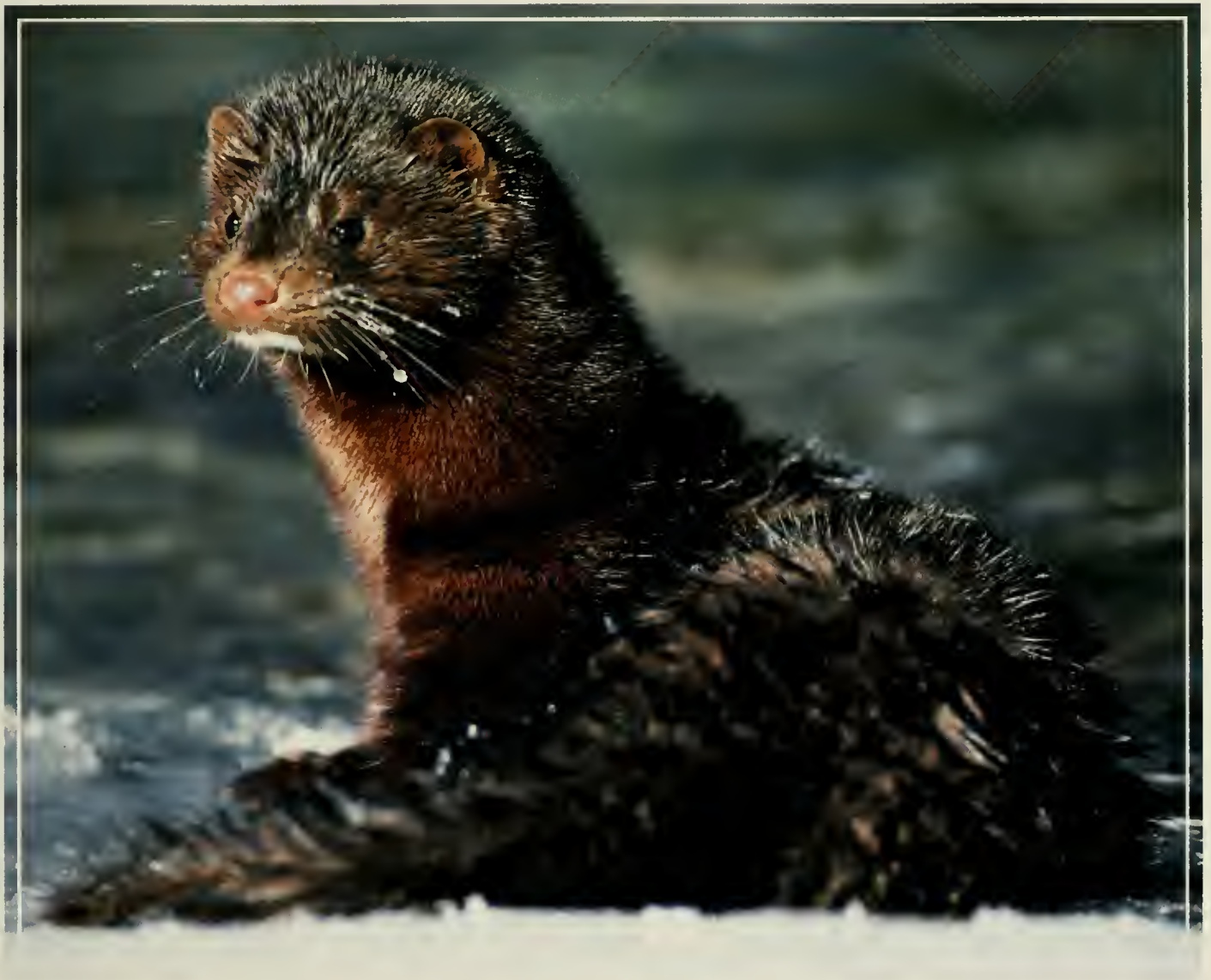


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— W. STEVE SHERMAN —

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— ERWIN & PEGGY BAUER —

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— JOHN LAMBING —

And Birdtail Butte



—— BARBARA THOMAS ——

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———— MICHAEL J. BARLOW ————

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— DENVER A. BRYAN —

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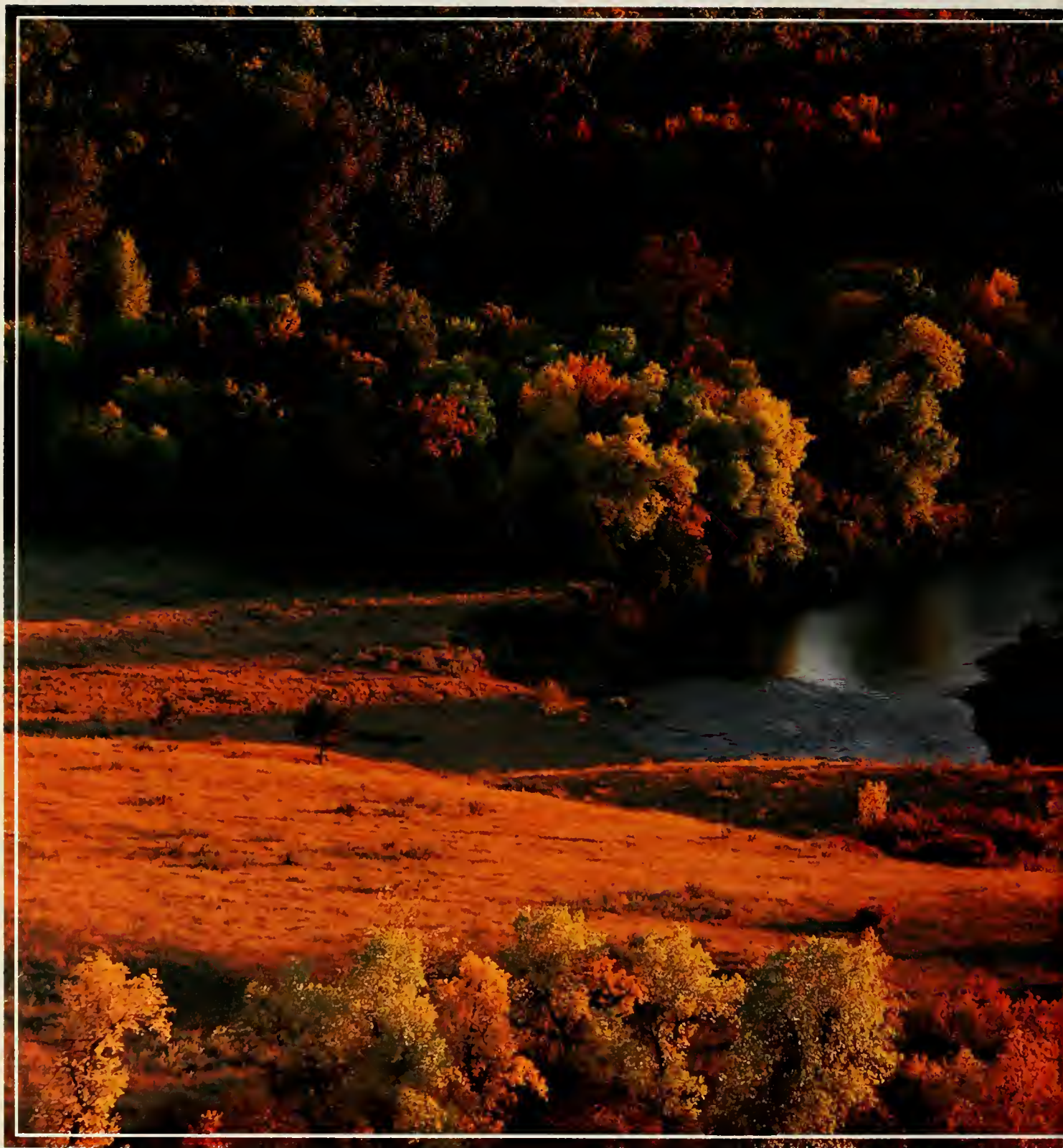


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